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November 15, 2006

Dave Cole
Department of Commerce
PO Box 200501
Helena, Mt. 59620

Dear Mr. Cole:

I am writing this letter to you concerning the zoning regulations for the proposed new dinosaur field station building. The City of Malta intends to approve the zoning permit application. The proposed building is located in an area of the city designated as HC, highway commercial. This designation is intended to accommodate the business and light industrial uses which require more space than is normally available in the Central Business District. Although, the description of a museum is not listed in the permitted principal uses, it falls in the category of those permitted principal uses such as amusement centers and other uses commensurate with the above uses and compatible with the purpose of this district.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at the city office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Byron D. Ereaux

Zoning Administrator

City of Malta

cc: Anne Boothe

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Dear Mr. Cole:

The City of Malta received the base flood elevations for the proposed site of the Dinosaur Field Station/Museum today. After reviewing the material, I have determined the elevation at the site is 2245.52 feet. According to the official flood insurance rate map, community panel #300054 0001 B, dated May 19, 1987, the base flood elevation for that particular area is split between 2248 feet and 2247 feet. This site is not located in the floodway, only the floodplain.

After conversations with Bruce Davidson and Anne Boothe, I have been assured the building will be built two feet higher than the above elevations or at 2249.50. The proposed building is not considered a "critical" building. Although not recognized by the Army Corp of Engineers, a dirt dike is located at the rear of this property and has protected this area for many years from flood waters. In case of an emergency, the articles stored at the proposed site can be removed in a speedy fashion.

As Floodplain Administrator for the City of Malta, it appears this project will be in compliance with regulations and I will sign-off on the application(s).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the city office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lordin Schmedlet Carolyn Schmoeckel

Floodplain Administrator

City of Malta

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